

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S509–S543*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3006, and S. Res. 411–414. **Page S536**

**Measures Passed:**

***Small Business Penalty Fairness Act:*** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2917, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the penalty for failure to disclose certain reportable transactions and the penalty for submitting a bad check to the Internal Revenue Service, to modify certain rules relating to Federal vendors, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S541–42**

***Death of Representative John P. Murtha:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 413, relative to the death of Representative John P. Murtha, of Pennsylvania. **Page S542**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 84 yeas (Vote No. EX. 21), Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S510–28, S543**

Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research). **Pages S540–41, S543**

**Becker Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Pages S510–28**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 22), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S527–28**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—22) **Pages S527, S527–28**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 413, at 7:09 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S542.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND FEDERAL BUDGET AND DEBT

***Committee on the Budget:*** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook and risks for the Federal budget and debt, after receiving testimony from Carmen M. Reinhart, University of Maryland Center for International Economics, College Park; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge; and Donald B. Marron, Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Washington, DC.

#### NOMINATIONS

***Committee on Environment and Public Works:*** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William D. Magwood IV, of Maryland, William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, and George Apostolakis, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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***Committee on Environment and Public Works:*** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Arthur Allen Elkins, Jr., of Maryland, to be